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§ 1531. Congressional findings and declaration of purposes and policy

(a) Findings

The Congress finds and declares that—

- (1) various species of fish, wildlife, and plants in the United States have been rendered extinct as a consequence of economic growth and development untempered by adequate concern and conservation;
- (2) other species of fish, wildlife, and plants have been so depleted in numbers that they are in danger of or threatened with extinction;
- (3) these species of fish, wildlife, and plants are of esthetic, ecological, educational, historical, recreational, and scientific value to the Nation and its people;
- (4) the United States has pledged itself as a sovereign state in the international community to conserve to the extent practicable the various species of fish or wildlife and plants facing extinction, pursuant to—
 - (A) migratory bird treaties with Canada and Mexico;
 - (B) the Migratory and Endangered Bird Treaty with Japan;
 - (C) the Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere;
 - (D) the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries;
- (E) the International Convention for the High Seas Fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean:
- (F) the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; and